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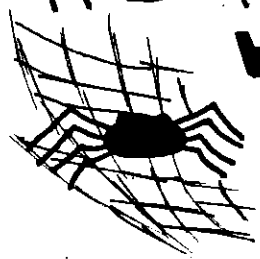
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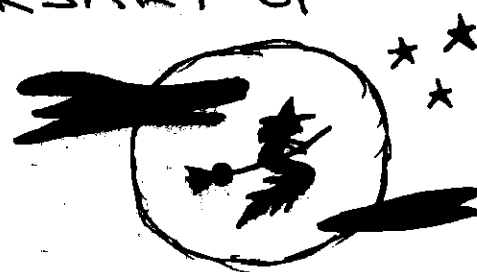
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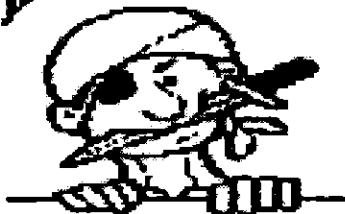
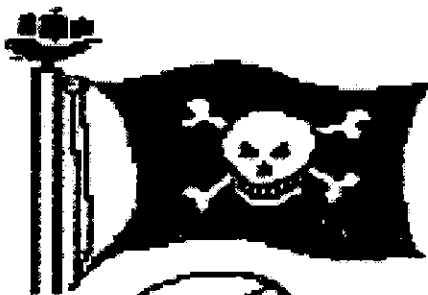
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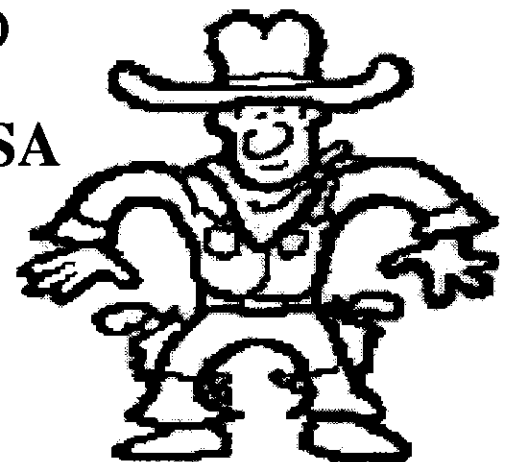
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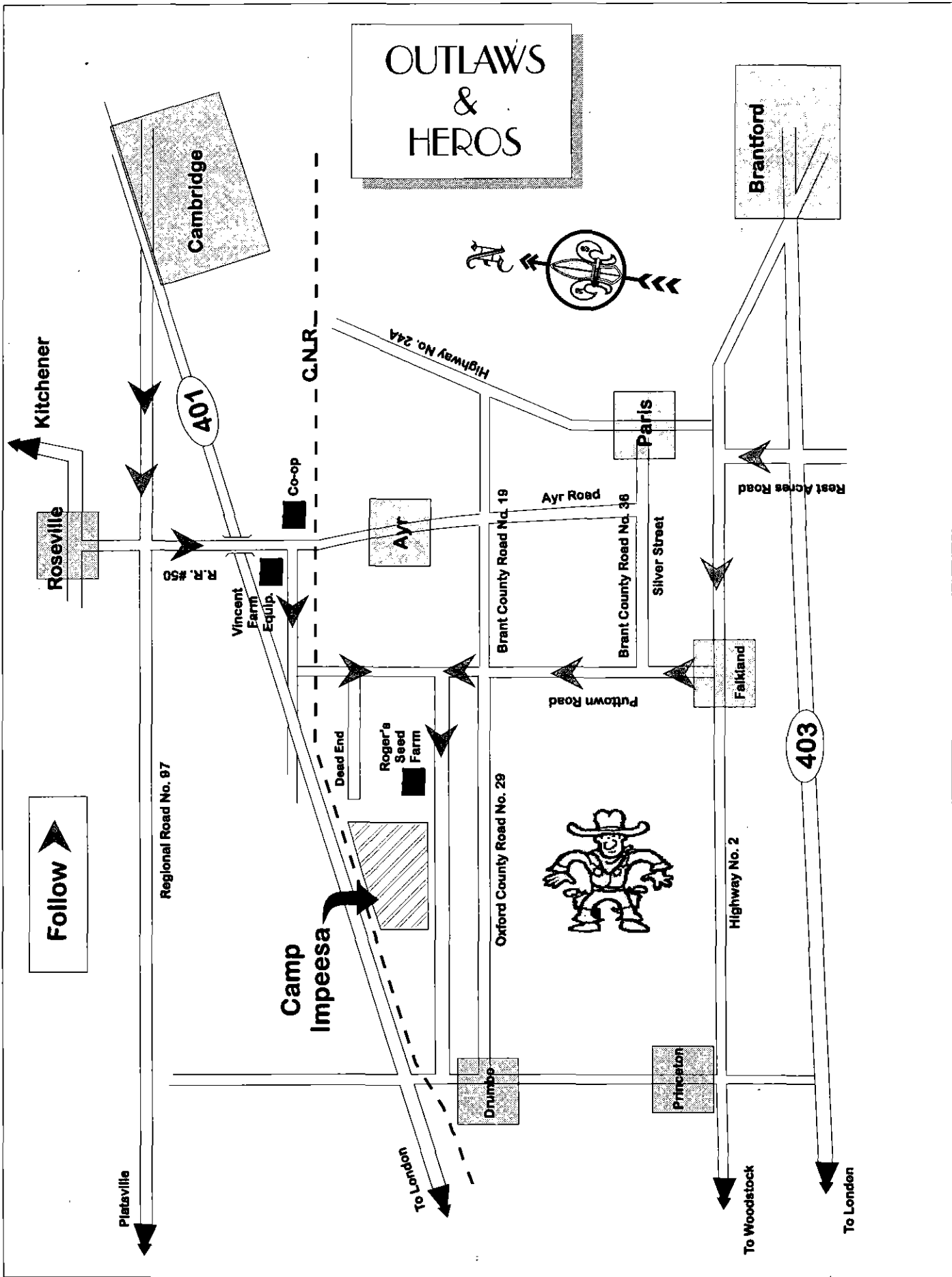


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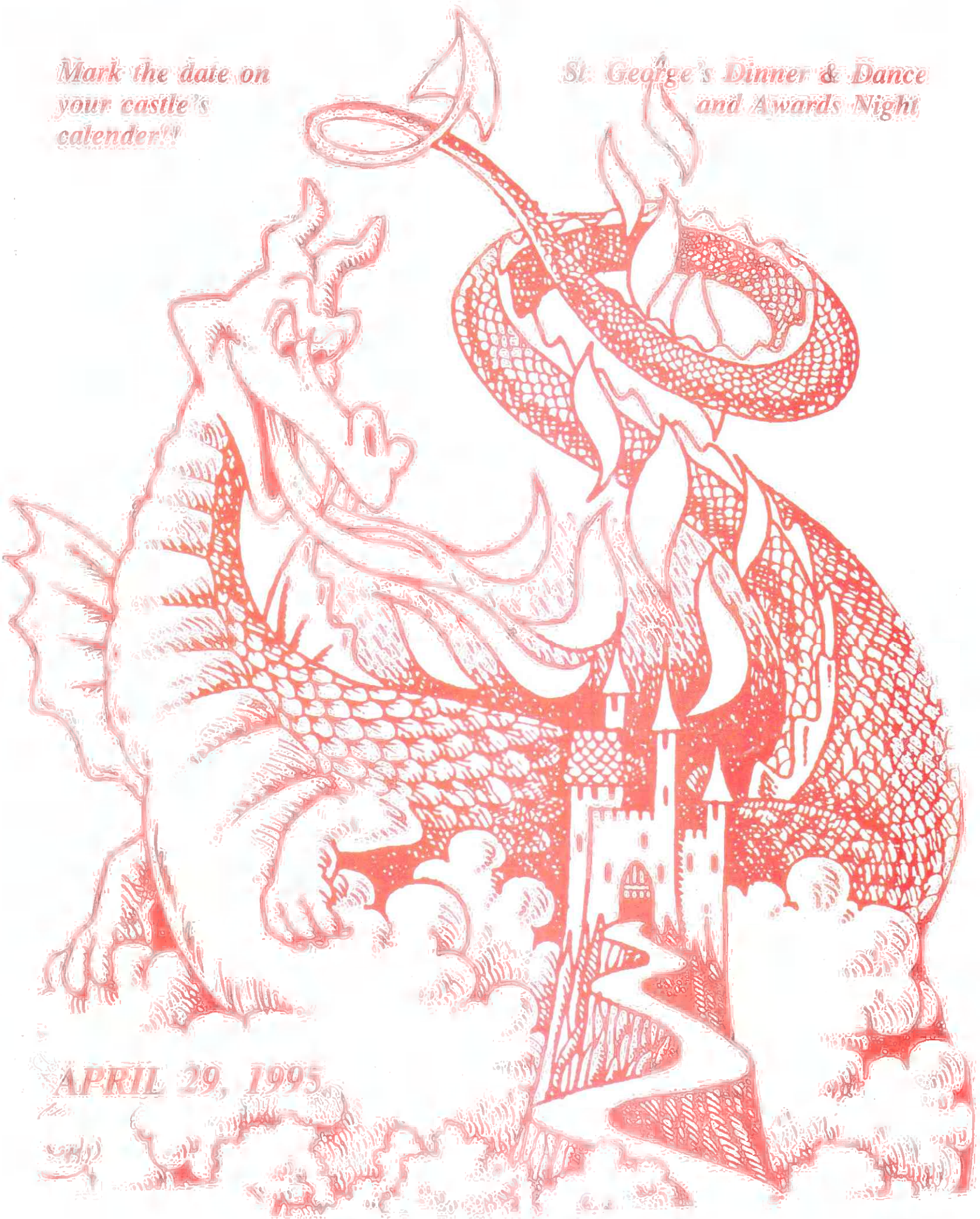
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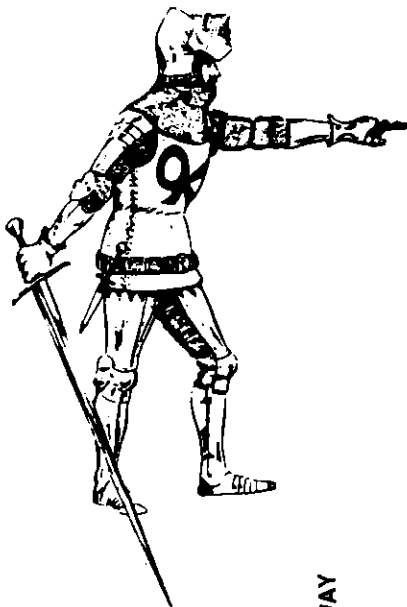
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*St. George's Dinner & Dance
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APRIL 29, 1995

THIS IS WHAT... *the 18th Annual St. George's Day Dinner & Dance
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Saturday, April 29, 1995, 6:30 p.m.

THIS IS WHY

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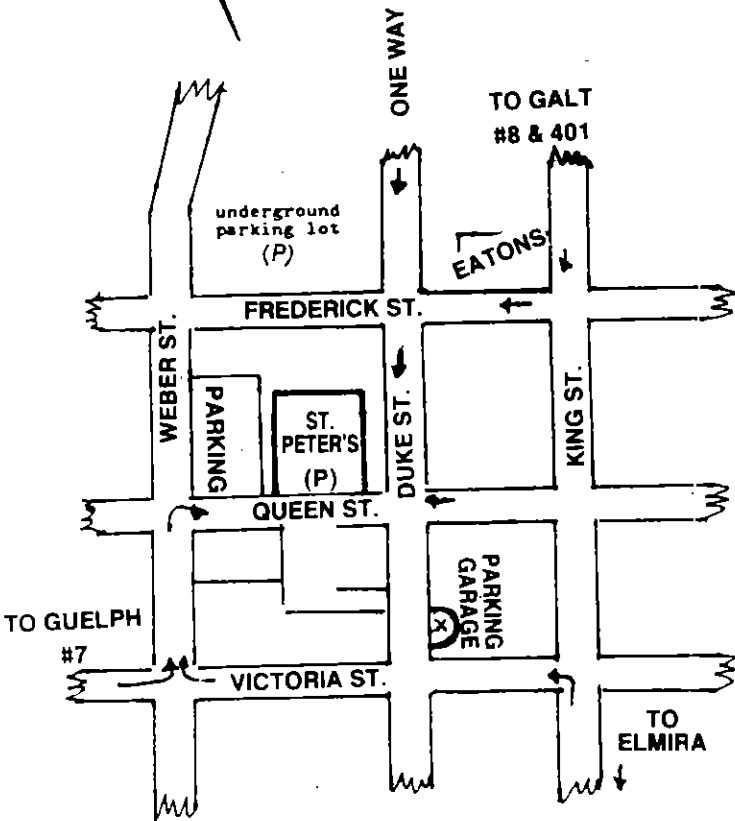
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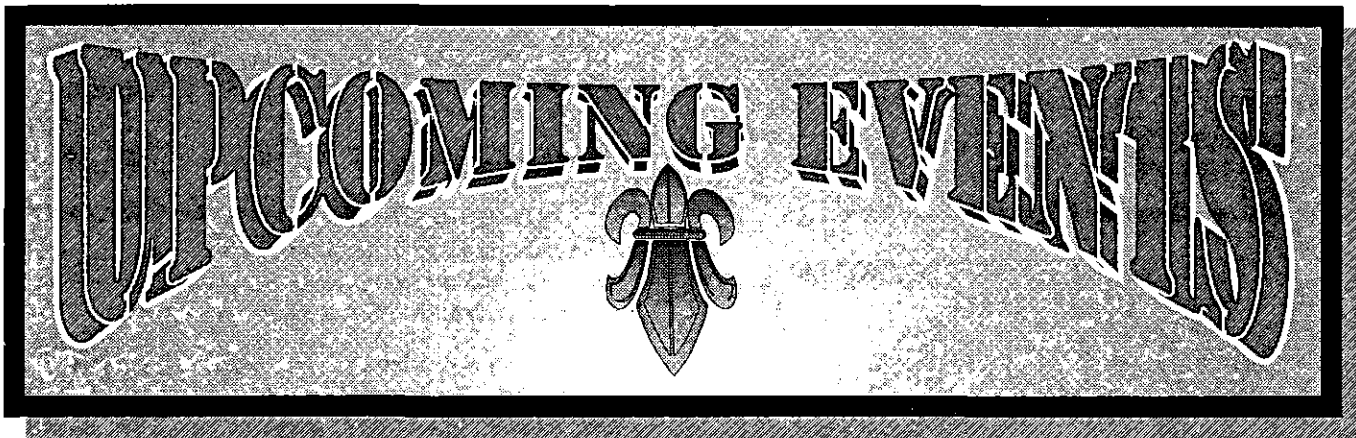
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February 17 - 19

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Cambie Creek, Manning Park

March 17 - 19

Medieval Moot - Stave Lake

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1:00PM @ the Medieval Moot

April 22 - 23

Nite Hike - UBC Endowment Lands

May 19 - 22

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June 10

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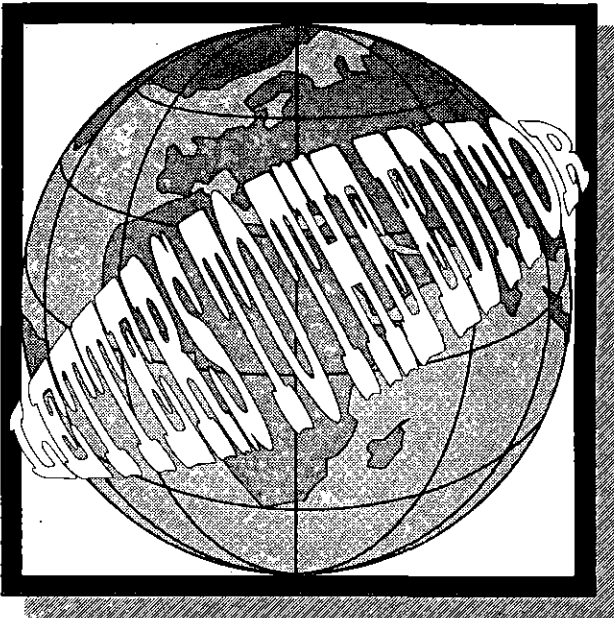
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*****Ed
 Note: Send your upcoming events in to Rovering magazine and it will appear here free of charge, and we will also see that it is put in the internet system.



Dear Rovering:

Hey! How is everyone today? I'm doing pretty well since I've returned to Camp Visoko. Yes, it's me from Yugoslavia again. I just came back from three weeks of leave in Petawawa, Canada. I had a great time sitting around doing basically nothing. Which means I've got about another four months left here in Yugoslavia.

Now that I've been here for more than six days, I can tell you a bit more about my job here. I am part of Welfare Section. My section has six people in it and we look after all the books in Visoko. Soldiers can also sign out a number of movies and games from us. Our main job is getting people out on leave. We make all the arrangements for the 860 people in this battle group.

Our office is open from 0900 to 2200 hrs. Mon to Sat. and from 1200 to 2200 hrs. on Sundays. Every Monday I do an eight hour road move down to Split to pick up the soldiers coming back from R&R leave. Other than that I am kind of bored, I go around the camp and spread smiles to everyone. (Or at least try to, 'cause sometimes there ain't enough to go around.

I want to elaborate on the scenery around here. Where I am, the landscape is almost the same as the

interior of British Columbia, absolutely beautiful! As for the weather, well when I left we were walking around with no jackets, but now we have about six inches of snow. It hits around -2 degrees centigrade during the day and is about -10 at night.

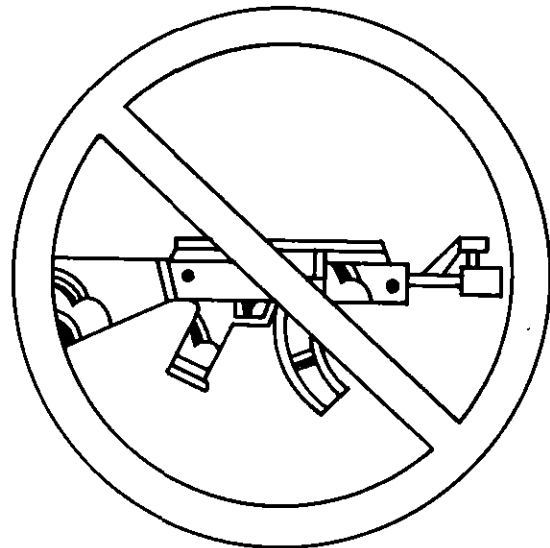
You've probably heard about the 55 soldiers that had been detained on the Serb side. Well I was not one of them. They didn't have it that bad over there. Every soldier that came back said that they were very well looked after.

There is nothing else to say. I have a pretty basic job that takes a lot of my time, most of the time. I hope everyone had as good a Christmas and Happy New Years as I did. Good Scouting to all.

Nick Rooney
 3rd Pet Rovers

Ed note: Weather sounds like southern Ontario!! How about some pictures Nick? Below is Nick's address corrected, if any wish to write to him.

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REPORTS



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, we're back for another exciting issue of B.C. Rovering. This year we will bring you better and bigger articles! Scary isn't it? Anyways, life on the warm and wet West Coast is great, now that our Canucks are ready to hit the ice and bring home the Stanley Cup to the best city in the known universe! Eat your hearts out Toronto as you and Calgary will surely choke again this year!

Yes it's Paul and Mike at the helm and trouble is coming your way! (Hey, don't forget about the proofreader! - Marc)

Fraser Valley Region

Colin joins us on the phone line and reports the following:

The Medieval feast was a **HUGE** Success and enjoyed by all. Including a good sized Australian Contingent in Medieval Attire. Colin adds: "Paul actually kept his speech under 1000 words!" Thanks to those lovely stocks, keep bringing them to the Round Tables guys - Mike. Everyone in the Valley is excited about the great news from National concerning the Rovering Program.

Currently there is a problem in Fraser Valley concerning registrations, as many Crews have just realized that they are not officially registered even though they paid their monies last September.

Other news, Mike Owens is the new Field executive for the Region. He is a former Rover from Calgary. Welcome to Lotus Land Mike! There are no Chokers here.

Most Rovers are headed to Rovent.

Burnaby Region

Well, now that Colleen is done I can now type out this report for the second time. Thanks to Colleen for screwing up the computer. We now have a court injunction and Colleen 'I'm an unemployed waistrel' is not allowed within 10 feet of the computer.

First off... Thank you to Paul for hosting our most totally excellent New Year's Eve Bash. Many Thanks as well to Marc Ramsay for the excellent breakfast. Thanks Dudes!

What have we been up to... Good question! Our last major function saw a resurgence of the *Famous Klondike Rebellion of '93*. Yes at the *Medieval Feast* there was the People's Revolution, led by yours truly Robin Hoodski. The reason for this righteous uprising was the unlawful arrest (twice) of the most peaceful person of Robin himself. Long Live the revolution! Death to the usurper... Trevor Cox! Death to the loyalists Colleen and Rick! Long live the true King... Graeme!

For those of you that are wondering this was decided by a trial of arms. Thanks to the rest of my Crew, Merry Man McCloud, Merry Man X, and a cast of thousands for helping in the revolution.

We also had our traditional cabin camp in January. Lot's of fun in a log cabin... as well as hiking over 3cm. thick ice. OH BOY!

Up coming events: (event) Spring Training (possibly).

Now to the Order of Valhalla Rover Crew, we are very heavy into the planning for our first annual *Medieval Moot* in conjunction with the Provincial Rover Roundtable on the weekend of March 17-19. As was mentioned in the last issue, it will be located at Stave Lake and it promises to be a most awesome event. For more information, call Sonia Tilley @ (604) 291-1319.

A big thank-you to Marc and his Seymour-Vespula Crew for Hosting their annual Christmas Bash (Yes, your's truly slaved away in a hot kitchen so that none would go hungry). Great food and fun as usual!

The big event in Burnaby and for most of the known universe, by all reports had to have been my annual New Years Bash! Rovers from all parts of the World attended. Rovers from Australia, Ontario, Vancouver Island, and of course the lower mainland converged on my pad for a great New Years Celebration. Yes, Janine, the party was on New Years Eve, you know, December 31. There were approximately 45 people, and 27 crashed for the night to be woken up by Tracey's giggle fits. In her defense, she was being tickled. Then came breakfast and a special viewing of the unedited video of the party. The youngest of all attendees was Gord & Arran's daughter, Chelsea, as she celebrated her first New Years Party. For you Ontario readers, we should inform you of one Karen Madill. There is so much to tell about what she did while she was here and she showed a lot on video as well. We can't say too much about her, since it could not possibly be printed in this fine magazine, but we sure can sell you a video to show and tell all. Send \$19.95 plus postage and handling and we'll send you your own personal bit of blackmail material.

Other events coming up for us include Rovent, Hike for Hunger, Scout/Guide Week and the annual parent/son/daughter dinner banquet. We have also increased in size as we have recruited a new Squire. Welcome to the world of Squireship, Robert!

That is about it for Burnaby Region, except for the fact that we are not sinking like Fraser Valley.

Vancouver Coast

Tanya reports the following of her Region: *Rovent* is well underway in planning preparations and all is set for the premier event for B.C. Venturers, Girl Guides and Rovers. In case you have forgotten where this event is taking place, it is at Cambie Creek Nordic Area in Manning Park. About a three hour drive east of Vancouver. The theme is "Carnival". If anyone can help out with program please call Tanya @ (604) 988-4421.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Jack Adair Award for Rover of the year and Crew of the year. Please pass your nominations to Tanya as soon as possible.

The last Roundtable was held at The Sutton Place Hotel (formerly the Hotel Meridian, the most posh hotel in Vancouver) and a fairly large gathering of Rovers attended to feast on the highly acclaimed Chocolate Buffet. Mmmmm, it sure was good! The next Roundtable is scheduled for March 12 at 7:30pm and the place is still to be announced.

The Seymour Vespula Rover Crew held their annual Christmas Dinner and Bash at Marc's house. If I do say so myself (and I will) the food was excellent. Finally kicked the last of the party stragglers out at about 2PM on Sunday.

Seymour Vespula Rovers are looking for some help in running some of their stations for their annual BP Trek in June. If you would like to help out, call Tanya or Marc.

Finally, we have some news from the Crew of Snookums. They are planning for their annual Urban Orienteering Night for the evening of February 3rd. The invite is open to all Rovers.

Speaking of the Snookums, the grand old Snookum, yes you probably have guessed by know, Bruce Dagg just turned another year older and is still growing wilder by the hour. Reports from his former roomie, Janine, have it that he is into doing new "Weird" things. Hmmm, let the mind wander for a bit, Bruce, ie: Razor Head, Wild Thing at most parties and yes, he has even been seen in one dance club dancing atop the speakers!

Wow, Bruce, we know you're in your middle age and you just keep outdoing yourself! What is your secret? Anyways from all of us at B.C. Rovering magazine, Happy 37th Birthday!! Can't bug him about losing any more hair, but he hasn't had any for years!

Islands Region

Well, I did talk to Dave and he said he was going to send a report over, but it has been two days and I'm still waiting, waiting, waiting..... Oh well, enough waiting, I'll inform you all of what I do know of their activities and news.

A contingent of four of them attended my annual New Years bash, and they are all in the preparation stages for their annual Camp Skeeter scheduled for the long weekend in May.

One special note about Rick. Karen past on some important news from the *Eh, Canadian Moot*. Apparently, Rick had arrived at the Toronto Airport a full day early for his flight to return home. I guess he really wanted to get out of Ontario. Hey, Mindy, notice how we never got you in trouble in this issue.

Victoria Region.

Lorie says nobody is home. Mike is at sea, somewhere near San Diego with a stop over in Hawaii on the way back. Must be rough! At least they made it to the New Years Bash.

New Jersey Report:

Tracey says high from sunny, warm Princeton, New Jersey. She reports walking around in her summer dress in a balmy 17 degrees Celsius.

Tracey and her E.M.T. (Emergency Response Team) Squad attended Princeton University's annual 'Night of the First Snowfall Nude Run'. Tracey and her squad were on HAND to WARM miscellaneous frost bitten appendages. According to Tracey, all they were wearing were shoes, hats, and a smile.

Australian Report:

Still working, busking, freezing, etc at Whistler.

In case some of you didn't meet Jodie at the Moot, she was the one who was sleeping with Marc Kampschuur before Janine (she's currently staying with Janine). Janine says that's OK because she slept with Jodie's brother. Just keeping in the family. Jodie is flying back to Australia later this week, and she says that Canada has been spectacular (not to mention all the cute guys with their tight buns).

Speaking of Janine, she put on a very nice dinner party for some very special guests. Despite rumours of multiple alarms from the smoke detector, and one of the cats dropping dead during the practice sessions, the food turned out to be very good, and the dessert was scrumptious!

Provincial Roundtable:

Howdy, its Colleen here and its time to badmouth Mike "I have webbed fingers" Sadalac. Mike has the best Rikker Beard I've ever seen and the worst attitude. "But I'm not bitter, I'm just acrimonious" - Mike Aka Riker.

Not all that much has happened in the Provincial scene since the last issue! The new Rover sticker has been designed and is just waiting for the OK for production. It will be available for purchase by ROVENT (yes the one and only). (only if she gets them in for production immediately - Marc)

The next Provincial Rover Round Table will be held at the *Medieval Moot* at Stave Lake, March 17-19. For more info on the meeting call MISS PROVINCEial at 942-4129.

We are now looking for nominations for the fall elections at the Provincial AGM in November. Positions are as follows: Mate, Vice-Mate, Secretary, Treasurer, and Keeper of the Log. Please keep in mind that all positions are for two year terms, and the Mate will stay on for one extra year as Past Mate. Please pass nominations to Miss PROVINCEial.

The BC Moot 95 will be held at Ruckell Point on Sushwap Lake. This years theme is "Disco Mountain Biking in a Haunted House (5th PoCo did not come up by this one by ourselves, I would never ever condone disco, Now would I).

Viva la espresso bar!!!!!!

So Bruce, why is Jules back in 'Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy mode' again. I hear you get more experienced with age, but this is ridiculous. Nice to see the Bobsy Twins are back again after missing several issues.

Actually, Steph & Jules, Paul prefers a certain dark brew from Italy that runs about 38%.

Don't forget to read the 'World Moot Minute' for more up to date info on the 10th World Moot in Sweden.

Untill next time (by then the Canucks will have re-established their dominance in the NHL), we bid you all a fond adieu!

....Paul, Mike, Marc, Colleen, Tracey, Colin, Lorie, and Janine.

WORLD MOOT MINUTE

with Paul & Marc

Just in time for this edition of Rovering Magazine, Sweden has come through with Bulletin #2.

The biggest news is that the new dates for the Moot. This was necessary so that a greater number of countries would be able to send contingents.

First, some basic info about the Moot:

Dates: Arrival & Opening: July 15, 1996

Expeditions: July 16 - 19

Reunion: July 20

Activities: July 20 - 25

Closing: July 25

Departure: July 26

Participants: Men & Women between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age at the time of the Moot.

Moot Theme: Spirit Into Action

Moot Site: Ransberg, Sweden (near Karlstad)

Moot Fee: 2500 SEK (\$500.00 CDN)

Unfortunately, Sweden did not include registration packages with Bulletin #2, however, we have sent in a request for them. Bulletin #3 should be out in May.

What can you do now? If you would like to attend, send us your name and address because we need to get an idea about the possible Contingent size. We are also attempting to get contact names and addresses for the various Roundtables.

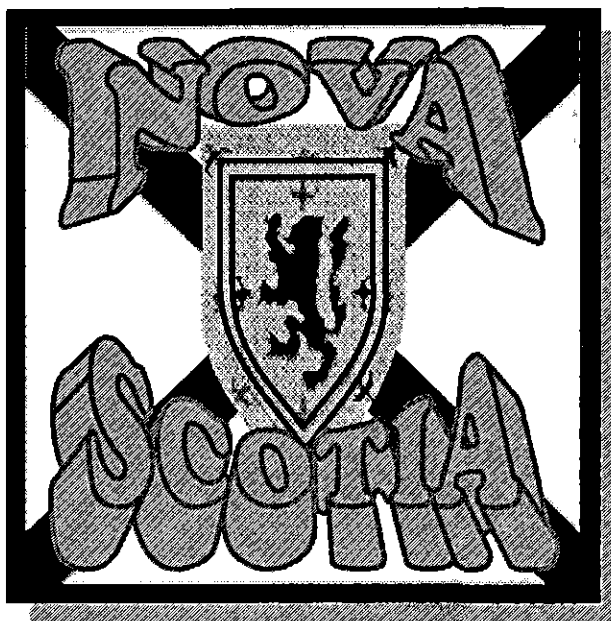
Enter our exciting contest!

We are looking for a design for the Canadian Contingent Crest. This design should incorporate Canada and Sweden, as well as Scouting and possibly the Moot theme. Winner will receive FIVE FREE CRESTS whether they attend the Moot or not! All submissions become the property of the MOC.

To obtain the registration package (available March 1995) and get on the mailing list, please send your name, address and phone number to one of the following addresses:

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We (the NSRRT) are planning to hold a Rover Woodbadge I in January or February, depending on when we can get the campsite. This course will take the place of our traditional Rover Basic course.

There are discussions of holding a food drive sometime in February, to help stock up the Food Bank during the "off season." This will hopefully be co-ordinated to occur simultaneously across the province in several locations.

Also being strongly discussed (which means it will happen if Rover Standard Time doesn't interfere) is a Winter Moot. This will include a full weekend of activities like snowshoeing, skiing (hopefully of both kinds, despite Marc's protests that we don't have

sufficient mountains) snowball fights and so forth. It's presently planned for "March sometime" on McNab's Island.

Our overall registration, both with the RT and with province seems to be down. It is still rather unclear because there are a number of Crews still deciding whether to operate on their present membership numbers or not. Here's hoping things come together.

Planning is in gear, low gear, but in gear, for the National Moot in '98. Since I have developed a habit of overnapping when I should be going to the meetings, I am not as informed as I could be on the subject. (Feel free to harass Ian Guppy in <guppy@ug.cs.dal.ca>, and ask him where the article he owes me is too!!:>)

That seems to be all the important stuff. We have already hosted several friends we met at the Moot down here in NS, if there are any others drifting around, feel free to come and be made welcome.

Good Rovering, be seeing you.

Service,

BJ Trim, Scribe of NSRRT



In past issues of Rovering, some of the responses to the document on the future of Rovers came up with some interesting ideas on the relevance of religion to the section. Their views are nothing new and are a constant challenge to those of us who see religion as an important

part of the reason for being in Scouting. (Realizing of course that religion and its offshoot spirituality mean different things to different people.) The response of the 3rd Newtonbrook is typical of these in calling for the diminution (nice word Guys) of religion.

Having been involved in Scouting for many years I have not seen much of a change in the status of religion in the movement from when I started in 1969. We have become more sensitive to the different religions that were and are present in Canada. For the most part though, the religious side of scouting seems to go by the wayside. Very few groups will say prayers before meals and I know of some who do not have Scouts Own when they are at camp. (Read your BP&P pg.43)

All that one has to do to see this is to look at the appalling lack of attendance at religious services at CJ93. It was apparent that most did not even seem to care if they attended services, which were provided in an abundance of times and faiths.

How can one reduce what amounts to no religious content, for most groups, when they have no content to begin with? *Duty to God is something which is just glossed over.*

Society tells us that religion is not that important and so we just reflect society. We are not comfortable with the topic so we ignore it.

Spirituality is something that we also ignore. To have spirituality one must have a belief in a religion. Spirituality grows from ones relationship with ones God. It defines ones beliefs and the relationship itself. How this manifests itself is different for everyone and these differences need to be respected.

In short, because our society says that religion is not important, we ignore it. We put it so low on the priority list that it is barely part of the programme. Religion is an individual affair so it is not discussed and is in fact inhibited.

My prayer for 1995 is that all Rovers, Advisors and members of Scouting will feel emancipated, so that they will not feel inhibited about religion.

In Christ:

Michael Wm. Diegel
(VE3PSD)

P.S. I can telnet and only send messages via packet nodes, but until Brantford gets it's freenet that is all that I can do. Also it sure is interesting who one sees at midnight on New Years Eve on CITY-TV. Right Dan?



When I put this column into semi-retirement a couple of years ago I hadn't intended that it would reappear once every two issues, but that seems to be the way it is working out. My initial goal in starting this article was to generate some discussion and debate, at a time when the magazine was at a very low ebb, and that certainly seems to be occurring now - just look at the last issue, which contained seven letters to the editor, contributions from Clark Walton and Gary Dell, and two more commentaries on *Discovery of the Future*. And these are just the "opinionated" articles - which appeared in addition to all the regular features, and some news items. So what need is there for my "opinionated" article, especially since I have significantly scaled back my involvement in Rovers in the past couple of years? Why should I bother to continue to submit articles to this magazine? The answer, at least for this month, is to defend myself against certain statements which have appeared in B.C. Rovering, and provide a balanced alternative to some of their drivel. I apologize in advance for the fact that, in order to accomplish this, I may have to occasionally stoop to their level and include some stuff which could be considered "inside jokes", even though I complained about that in my last submission. So, if some thinly-veiled threats appear in the following paragraphs, rest assured that the people at whom they are intended know who they are.

First, I need to correct something which appeared in the December issue. Contrary to what it said in B.C. Rovering, the Australian Contingent Leader to Ro-Vent™ no longer resides at my address, so it would not be a good idea to call me collect for information. However, she can sometimes be reached at 986-9089 (call collect, of course, and ask for Janine). General information can also be obtained from Paul or Marc at 420-6195 and 936-3434 respectively (collect). By a strange coincidence which defies explanation, it seems that the best time to reach any of these three is about 4:00 A.M. They'd love to hear from you.

There was a request in B.C. Rovering for me to expand on the exploits of a certain North Vancouver crew at *Eh, Canadian Moot*, but in the same issue there was a letter from Marc indicating that his activities had become known across the country and even overseas. So, it doesn't seem that any expansion is really necessary. So I'll just say that the fact that even mild-mannered Craig couldn't keep his pants on, on that final night, says it all.

I wasn't able to attend the Medieval Feast this year, but I was surprised to receive a somewhat incoherent first-hand account so soon after the event. Those who took the time to provide me with the account can rest assured that their thoughtfulness has not been forgotten, and I am currently devising a way of returning the favour, while sparing innocent room-mates. So the retribution may take a different form, but it will occur. The Wrath of Razorhead is a terrible thing, and those who incurred it will rue the day that they did so.

Enough about B.C. Now for some general comments and observations on other things from the December issue of *Rovering*:

It was good to hear from Steph and Jules again. Glad to hear Jules is back in happy-happy joy-joy mode.

Who are these two Heathers? One more and you've got enough for a really strange movie.

I enjoyed Clark Walton's article on Rover Standard time, but I have a question. Following the logic that you're not late if the event is dependent upon your presence, does this mean that, if I show up at the scheduled time for a meeting, and we don't get a quorum until somebody shows up 45 minutes later, I have nothing to complain about because I am early? (Is this the same Clark who showed a side of himself to the VIPs at *Eh Canadian Moot* that they weren't expecting to see?)

I'm glad to see that the magazine has clarified that the article by Brian Trim in October was an opinion

piece, not an "official" article. This makes more sense, since Brian is as opinionated as I am. Keep 'em coming Brian, even though I don't always agree with you!

Well, I guess that's enough for this month, and once again I'm very late, so I've got to get this into the mail, or maybe the FAX machine. I'm told that this month's offering of B.C. Rovering will contain something incriminating about me (although I can't imagine what I might have done), so I may have to respond to that in April, but otherwise, I'll write again in August.

Keep on Rovering,
Bruce Dagg



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Here we are again! It's instalment #3 of the *Campfire Musicians' Workshop*. We've already covered the hardware & the ingredients of your songbook as well as page layout.

COMPILING SONGS - You can network and you can lift (figure out songs by ear). You can add tons of songs to your book by networking. Every time you play with someone, swap names, addresses and phone numbers. Agree to mail each other complete lists of songs from your books. Then write back with a list of songs you want copies of, being sure to include some money for photocopying and postage. By networking this way you can add scads of new songs to your book at a cost of only pennies a song - kinda like Kool-Aid. You'll also be establishing relationships with people who

share your love of music and of Scouting. Now, don't be offended if someone doesn't want any songs from your book: There's no accounting for some people's tastes. Besides, if everyone had all the same songs, we'd have a lot of incredibly monotonous campfires. If you can lift songs, you can get them from pretty well anywhere, but if you're just learning to lift, be patient - it's an acquired skill.

BALANCING YOUR REPERTOIRE - If you're comfortable with playing different styles, try to include as many as possible in your book. This will help to keep you and your audience entertained and interested. My own book contains folk, country, blues, rock, jazz, R&B, comedy, and even a couple of TV theme songs. Also, make sure you include some up-tempo songs - It's pretty easy to end up with an overly slow repertoire.

'QUESTIONABLE' CONTENT - At a Scouting event, whether it's an official campfire or not, racy, racist, sexist, or otherwise questionable material should be allowed. I have heard the argument that Rovers are adults, and, as such, should be capable of digesting some filth. Well, as a matter of fact, Rovers are adults and, as such, should be mature enough to honour the ideals of the Scouting movement - to which we are all sworn - with regard to the movements decidedly high standard of purity in thought, in word, and in action. There are plenty of entertaining songs and funny stories which are inoffensive to Scouts on two very important levels - Intellect and Virtue. Don't play crap, and try to discourage others from paying crap. Your offending someone will spoil the event for them and will reflect nefariously on you and on the movement you love.

A quote from *Rovering to Success* reads, "swearing is too good a relief to be wasted, and should be kept for times of crisis".

Practising - Most of your songs are probably fairly easy for you to play, but some will probably require a little 'maintenance work'. Every week or two, pull out your book and play a little. Do a couple of easy songs, followed by all of the hard ones. Before long these will become much easier and you'll be able to try newer, harder stuff, thus becoming a better musician. That's how it worked for Mozart, and that's how it'll work for you!

I guess that's it for this time around. Next time, we'll deal with the actual performance, including how to keep from losing your voice.

Yours in Scouting, Dan McLean Jr.
43rd Canadian BP Guild (at large)
Quando Omni Flunkus Moritati

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF OLDERS

Within Scouting many groups and sections keep educational pets known as Olders. These pets come in two major species called Venchers and Rowvirs and fall into an infinite number of sub-species. Often a number of these pets are acquired due to the popularity of the breed at that time, often as the result of a fad. In this case the specimens are often scrubby substandard examples which deteriorate rapidly due to poor care. In the case of both species it is important to give your pets a healthy environment, with sufficient exercise and nutrition to keep them healthy. New and old owners must keep in mind the responsibilities and needs which come with ownership of these pets.

The first of these species, Venchers are very popular at this time. Unfortunately once acquired they are often thrown into cages with other pets called Yungers where they do not mix well or else are placed in used Yunger cages which have no room for activity or growth. When cage area is restricted, this species follows one of two common patterns. As with most animals the herd will expand to the limit of the territory and then all growth stops. Where the species has a very protected environment with plenty of room for growth it flourishes. The feeding program must be tasty, with lots of variety and with an opportunity to browse and select a diet suited to each herd.

An unusual phenomenon which may be noted is in the relationship between environment, coat colour and condition. When conditions for growth are restricted the condition and colour of the Venchers tend to be poor in varied colours; primarily a faded denim blue. When the environment contains the elements needed for growth and challenge the overall health is reflected in the condition of the coat with the colour becoming standardized within the herd, with the exception of the proliferation of speckles, called badjuz, on the healthiest members.

There are many hazards in the Vencher environment which can cause great harm to the species. In an environment with lots of room for growth, where a variety of feed encourages browsing the Venchers will reject most of the hazards. There appears to be an ability to communicate knowledge of bad tasting forage to others of the species.

With a little care in choosing the environment and diet, and in the choosing of keepers, the keeping of Venchers can be an interesting and rewarding hobby.

Rowvirs, although a related species to Venchers is a much more ancient species, with much literature having been produced in the past regarding the species. Unfortunately much of this literature is no longer readily available, having gone out of print since the earlier Rowvir fads. This Species of the Family Older is noted for being feral in nature and any appearance of domesticity is only temporary in nature. They may suddenly revert to the wild state at any harsh noise or even at any indication of lack of affection.

Rowvirs formerly came in two common variations, the green breasted and the grey breasted variations. These have been mostly supplanted by a tan breasted variety, although occasional herds of the other varieties are seen. All variations often squabble among themselves but instantly cease squabbling and form defensive circles when disturbed by other species. Both early colour variations are characterized by bright scarlet markings on the head and shoulders in mature individuals of either sex. In the tan breasted variety these markings are considerably less noticeable although a distinct "belt of scarlet is often shown.

Rowvirs may be readily observed in the wild state due to their tendency to gather at watering holes where their strange songs and cries may echo until dawn. While Venchers take part in elaborate mating rituals at intervals, Rowvirs are prepared to mate at any time under most conditions. This phenomenon may be observed during the gatherings at watering places.

During the domesticated phase the Rowvirs as individuals or herds (called Crooz) may be entrusted with the herding and protection of Yungers. When driven into the feral state on being spooked by other species like Decees, they will remain very wary and may never be seen again, except at the watering places frequented by the Crooz.

Like the Wild Horse the Wild Rowvir will lead domesticated members of his species, or even related species, into the wild at any opportunity. Most of these will return to their herds if the Rowvirs are again returned to their semi-domesticated state. Fences will not control the species but rather control comes from baiting, feeding and from frequent displays of affection.

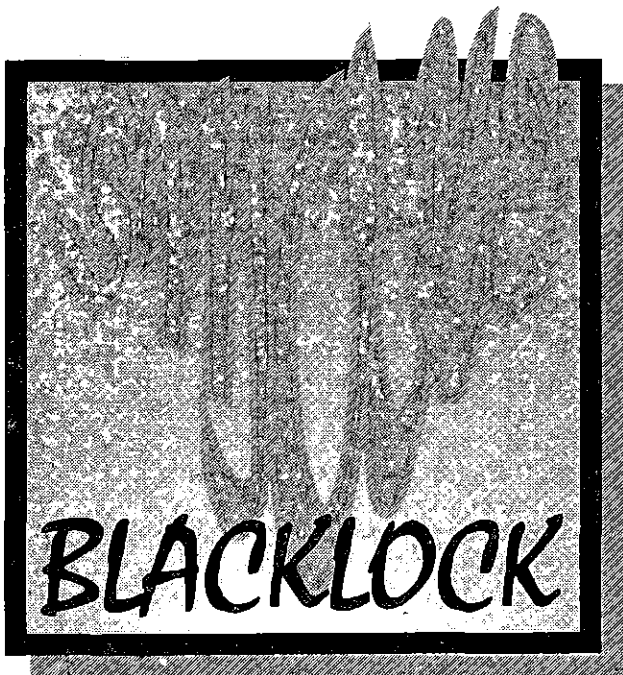
Although at this time, Rowvirs are not classed as a threatened species it is a shaky distinction. Recent changes in the habits of the Ottawa Cuckoo have threatened the environment of Rowvirs. Historically,

pressure groups have caused them to be shot, poisoned, snared and generally eradicated by any means. This has resulted in the species being classed as extinct in parts of Europe and the southern parts of this continent, although occasional confirmed sightings indicate small herds in existence in isolated pockets.

As Rowvirs become aged they may be found in a camouflaged variations as herd leaders with Yungers or may even be hidden in the guise of Decees or even Peecees (the king of beasts). The danger in this situation, is these disguised Rowvirs may suddenly be struck on a tender point, and revert to the wild state with snarling, snapping and the rending of bones. Following such an attack frenzy, the Aged Rowvir may return to his disguised coloration or return to the markings and habits of natural Rowvirs, often on the very brink of the feral state.

To sum up, if care is taken to give regular affection and careful handling and feeding the domesticated Rowvir is an intelligent hard working beast of burden, but failure to treat it with respect can give rise to the unleashing of a monster.

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REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS KR "SMOKE" BLACKLOCK

Shortly after the holiday season the broadcast and print media fill to overflowing with ads for RRSPs. Each ad claims that their product is the best, safest, and will make you the most money. You want to take advantage of the tax savings but don't know where to start. You may not have enough money or you want to know what the saving is going to be. *Where do you start?*

First you start by recognizing that an RRSP does not save taxes, it only defers them. You hope that when you withdraw your RRSP that it will be at a lower tax rate. Tax rates in Canada are in three basic levels starting at about 25 to 30% depending on your province and going up to 44 to 50%. If you earn less than about \$27,000.00 per year you are in the lowest bracket and will pay at least as much tax on withdrawal as you saved, and probably more. Buy Canada Savings Bonds and/or a guaranteed investment certificate and pay the taxes. When you cash it in, it is your money and not subject to taxes except for earned interest.

If it is not worth while, depositing money to an RRSP while in the lowest bracket, it is really silly to do an RRSP when you can't deduct it at all. When you cash in you will pay taxes because it is "Registered".

Assuming that you are in the higher tax brackets, and can use the deduction, there are some things to look for when you are shopping. Read the fine print in the ads before jumping.

They may promise you a huge interest rate but look to see what the administrative costs are going to be. If you pay 1% service charge and \$100.00 administration fee per year are you really getting as good an interest rate as you would where the bank pays less but charges nothing for fees and charges.

Hesitate a long time before signing up for an insurance program incorporating an RRSP. You may have years when your earnings do not entitle you to a deduction or when your deduction is totally used for a Pension or other RRSPs. You would not benefit for deduction but would still pay tax on the withdrawal of the funds. If in future you cannot use the RRSP portion of the insurance you need to abandon the insurance plan as well. Buy insurance for your needs, and buy RRSPs for your needs, but don't combine them.

The tax department will tell you, on last years notice of assessment, how much RRSP room you have accumulated. You may deposit any amount up to the maximum listed. Whether you deposit a little or a lot consider buying RRSPs in units of one thousand dollars

or less. If you want to buy \$8,000.00 worth, you can buy eight certificates worth \$1,000.00 each. This allows flexibility in withdrawal either while young or at retirement.

Money deposited at 8% at age 20 will double five times by the time you are 65 years old. One thousand dollars at age twenty will be thirty two thousand at age sixty five. This, magic of compound interest, is what makes a good retirement plan but, if you deposit 5,000.00, instead of 1,000.00, you end up with a withdrawal of 160,000.00, and would be taxed so hard you could not afford to take it out. Spread it out and you have options of taking out a certificate in cash every year, or deposit it to form a personal monthly pension payment (RRIF). There are currently ways of withdrawing part of a certificate with some firms but I don't suggest you count on our politicians to continue to allow this for the rest of your life.

Spousal RRSPs are where one spouse buys an RRSP to be deducted from (usually) his return and names the other spouse as the owner of the RRSP. Where one spouse is employed in a job with a pension plan, this allows an opportunity to share the income in the future. Under certain circumstances this can also double the "Pension Credit" on tax returns after retirement. A spousal RRSP is still taxable in the name of the contributor unless a contribution holiday of at least three years has taken place. Each spouse may still contribute to their own RRSP but no contribution may be made into any spousal RRSP by the contributor of the RRSP being cashed in.

With the new rules, we are allowed to carry RRSP deduction room forward for seven years, so there is no urgency to deposit, but, if you are in the higher tax brackets, you may consider depositing your emergency funds into a spousal RRSP to save for disaster. If you lose your job, or become disabled, your income is likely to nose dive and the emergency cash you need is then taxable at a lower rate. In case you are planning a trip around the world in a few years, this is also applicable to those times when you are unemployed by choice. Remember the 3 year contribution holiday or wait until a year with lower tax rates to cash in.

The type of RRSP investment is a whole different ball game. Whether a self directed, mutual fund, mortgage based or whatever is a decision to be made based on your age and the risk you are willing to take. A person retiring in a few years will likely want to take a very few chances with the retirement fund while the younger person may be willing to take risks for a higher return. These are personal decisions but

remember that the higher the return the higher the possibility that you will lose your investment.

If you are already in the low tax bracket spend your money on paying down your mortgage or saving for a down payment on a home since this is your best investment. If you are in a higher bracket and want to go into RRSPs, you need to think of the reasons for getting one, how much risk you can stand, and whether a spousal might be the best plan. After you think, you can start shopping.

MEETINGS

-A.K.A. TALK YOURSELVES TO DEATH KR 'SMOKE' BLACKLOCK

Everyone always wants a perfect formula for accomplishing great meetings. I am not talking about program get togethers but business meetings. I have attended meetings which started half an hour late and went for another four hours, without any motions being voted on. They were disasters which drove members away because they felt it was a waste of time to attend. I have attended other meetings which in less than one hour were adjourned after having discussed, and completed many items. The difference was in the way the meeting was conducted.

The first thing that needs to be examined to have a successful meeting is why you are having a meeting. Are you meeting to discuss certain items and reach a decision or are you meeting because it is seven o'clock Tuesday and we always meet at seven o'clock Tuesday? If you have nothing to discuss you should either cancel the meeting or arrange for a movie, speaker, activity or something else to keep your members interested and happy.

If you do need a business meeting, then hold a BUSINESS meeting. Start at the scheduled time and never mind any BS about Rover Standard Time. The Chair calls the meeting to order at the time it is scheduled and from this time until the meeting is completed it is time to discuss business. While 90% of us may be intrigued by what John and Jennifer were doing last Saturday, 10% of us may be in need of an early evening in order to study, work or go on a heavy date that is going to make Jennifer and John look like beginners.

A meeting starts with a call to order and the minutes of the preceding meeting. Then you discuss items arising from the minutes. Correspondence, Treasurers report, and committee reports all precede new business. Following New Business your meeting adjourns, and you

go on to other things.

The Secretary, Scribe or Minute Taker will have his/her files ready, as will the Treasurer and Heads of Committees. If the person Chairing is aware of anything that is going to come up you should have an agenda roughed in. If some things are only of interest to a small group you may want to meet separately before or after to discuss these. Otherwise place new business in the order of importance.

It is a good practice to ask each member to write any motions to be brought to the meeting and to present a copy to the scribe before the motion. This saves time for the scribe and also helps to clarify the thoughts of the mover.

A Motion needs to be made to accept the minutes and a motion needs to be made to accept the treasurers report. The same applies to any committee report. If you don't have a motion, you can't discuss the report. The same applies to any other subject. First you get a motion, then you talk about it. Don't talk in circles for an hour and then ask if anyone wants to make a motion. Once a motion is on the floor it is the only subject to be talked about until it is withdrawn, tabled or voted upon. Then you get another motion and talk about that one until it is finished. When there is no further business get a motion for adjournment and close the meeting.

Chairing a meeting requires a close watch on the group to make sure that no one is off on a tangent or having a little private meeting in a corner. A request to limit the group to one meeting at a time will usually get the side meetings under control and asking the speaker to stay on subject is often all that is needed.

Discussion should always be addressed to the Chair. Usually the mover gets first shot to explain what is behind the motion and then each individual who has something to add gets a single turn. Then if others have something further to add to the discussion they may have a second chance. Sometimes with groups that are not too experienced you might have a timer. An egg timer, minute glass or whatever to show the speaker that he has one minute and must stop. You learn to get your thoughts in order before opening your mouth. If you have a time rule, you must use it every time.

A symbol that you have the floor helps to keep the meeting going. A ball or teddy bear, held by the person who is speaking at that time and then passed to the next one recognized by the chair before he speaks. The Chair is allowed to speak as necessary to control the discussion but must have the ball before speaking on the subject under discussion. The symbol should be soft so as not to

hurt anyone when passing the "Floor" to a new speaker. If your meeting is in a fairly formal seating arrangement, you can require the speaker to stand when speaking. In a larger group you can ask each person to identify themselves before speaking.

Any person should be allowed to call "off topic" if the speaker wanders. If called once the speaker immediately gets back on topic. A second time requires the speaker to yield to the next person wanting the floor.

If your meetings are to precede other activities, set a time limit on the meeting. When the time is up the meeting is adjourned until the next meeting. About one meeting in three or four should be without a time limit in order to clear up the backlog.

So, we call a meeting because we have things to discuss; we start at the time specified; we get motions one at a time and discuss only the subject at hand; each person has an opportunity to speak on the subject at hand; we vote on the motion and move on to the next motion; when we have no further business we adjourn and.....PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! The short rule for public speaking is really applicable to business meetings;

The way to be SEEN is to STAND up;

The way to be HEARD is to SPEAK up;

The way to be APPRECIATED is to SHUT UP.

Enjoy your meetings and I'll see you later.

SPIRITUAL DUTY IN THE CREW

K.R. "SMOKE" BLACKLOCK

Spiritual duty, is a subject that is difficult for some of us to identify with, not because we do not have strong spiritual commitment but because we are afraid of the "preaching". I am of this large group and because of it I have postponed this article.

Within a crew the same problem often occurs because the crew is a mixed bag of strong believers, unbelievers and a great many who are concerned but undecided. We make a Promise to do our duty to GOD and yet we won't talk about it, and for many of us we don't even want to think about it. We ask at registration time about a member's religious denomination and then change the subject until next years registration.

Have you considered a crew session on what the crew expects a person to think about during their Vigil. The question of duty to God is a part of the Vigil and although we do not ask what the Rover decided in the Vigil, we can start a reasonable look at our spiritual life when we discuss the crews expectations. If a person feels

comfortable speaking of their personal convictions, it will come out, not to convert others but as one more sharing in our crew "family".

Does your crew take part in District/Region church parades? Does your crew attend District/Region Church parades without taking part? A loud, half uniformed, disorganized Rover Crew at a church parade is not doing their duty to God, Scouting, the Crew or themselves. God does not require solemn hypocrites but civil courtesy is appropriate. Be sure that you are a welcome addition to the Church Parade or make certain that you are welcomed by your absence. Scouting does not need a bunch of rowdy Rovers setting an example of their worst self and the younger members of the crew do not need that sort of an approach to their spiritual duty.

Within your own Crew activities, try introducing a Scout Silence at the start and end of meetings. Does your Ceremony include a silent prayer. Each member thinks of the personal rocks and shoals of their life and contemplates ways of improving themselves and how to face the concerns of tomorrow.

No harm can be done to any of us by a little self searching aimed at self improvement. If your crew are all members of the same church you can be more formal with spoken prayers etc. but if your group consists of a mixture of Mormons, Methodists, Mohamedans and many others it can become a turn-off for the members.

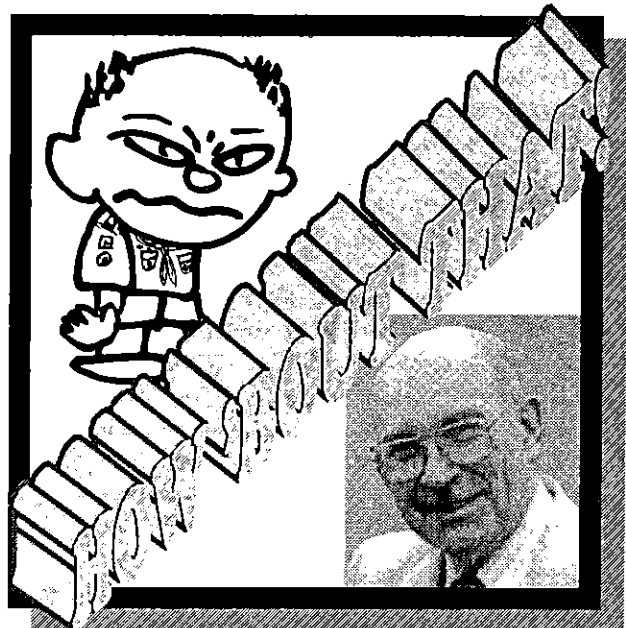
One of the crews I served with was interested in exploring the spiritual options open to us and so we would attend a different service each month after a meeting, before a meeting or at other convenient times. Tell the priest, minister etc that you are coming and offer respect to the customs of the church. Try to include someone who is knowledgeable about that faith to help explain what is happening. Discussion afterwards was subject to a simple guideline. Any comment was started with the words, "One of the things I liked was.....". This was an experience which left most of us comfortable with those of other faiths and also comfortable with our own spirituality.

Many of our activities take place on weekends tending to turn people away from formal Church attendance, therefore leaving organizers and others with a responsibility to make allowances in the program for spiritual observances as a group and as individuals. Religious milestones such as Christmas, Easter, Remembrance day, as well as those special dates for others such as Tet or Chanukah need to be a special part of our activities.

Celebrate your spirituality, celebrate your religion,

celebrate your God, for, being at peace with your God is a good reason for celebration. Sing, Laugh and Be Happy, for God has blessed you and will continue to do so. I'm sure that you have heard singing, slowly, in a monotone, in a church, at some time in your life but, I have never been able to find in any Holy Book that there is a commandment requiring it. Be Happy with your God and be happy with yourself for whomever and whatever you perceive your personal God to be, false solemnity is sure to be an abomination.

Allah, God, Gitche Manitou, or whatever, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.



I have a request sent in as follows: If any- one is planning to go to the *1st International Rover Moot*, sponsored by the Baden-Powell Scouts Association, please contact the magazine at the Printing/Submission address. Another Rover is looking for travelling companions.

Over ten years ago my wife and I were lost and recovering from a wrong turn in the road, and spent the night at the village of St. John's Chapel, in the north of England. It turned out to be quite an experience. At the evening meal, the other people sort of looked at us, and we could feel a little bit of "frost". After wandering around the English country-side for six hours, missing lunch, seeing many farms (including farmers whose directions took us somewhere?), we were tired and hungry, and not in a sociable mood. The Inn keeper's

wife invited us to their Pub, inform us that tonight was an entertainment and sing along night. We declined, saying we wanted to get an early start in the morning and get back on track so we would arrive in Scotland on time, so our friends wouldn't worry. We regreted the decision ever since!

The next morning there may have been a fog outside, but inside the sun was shining. The owners of Inn had informed the people the night before that, two Canadians were spending the night, "the first Canadian tourists to have ever stopped there" Apparently, some of the other guests and the owners were going to come and get us in the evening, but changed their minds. I got the definite impression if they had, we would have spent the next day recuperating. The Inn keepers informed us we were on the right road, and if we drove carefully the fog would be no problem.

Later on through the English mist we spotted a camp, and some boys moving a utility trailer off the road. We stopped and asked if they were Scouts, which they were. I explained that I was a Canadian Rover Leader just passing through. There on the side of the road in the English mist (Light rain) my wife and I met members of the Baden-Powell Scouts Association and wonder of wonders Rover Scouts which I had been told did not exist in England. We took one look at their soaking wet clothes, caused by the long grass, and begged off going to their campsite. Those Scouts that I met that day may be your hosts as Rovers, at the Moot that will be run this summer.

The moral to this story, "get lost" it could prove very interesting.

Snowball, last issue there were two dates one in upcoming events, and one on the ad, the ad is correct, upcoming events has been corrected. We received the wrong dates for "upcoming" and a last minute ad was phoned in with the corrected dates, unfortunately the front section of the December issue of the magazine was already printed.

This issue is going to be interesting to print. My "garage" has Christmas decorations in it, still waiting to be put away, the Kub Kar track is sitting there from the prelims waiting for the finals, there is camping gear sitting on the workbench to be repaired, there is 70,000 sheets of paper stock piled to beat the rising costs, (don't where that spiral is going to end, we may have to reduce type size and content to hold the cost line). And on top of all that is a special edition of *Rovering Magazine* we are working on (don't ask any questions on that). I guess after this issue I'll have to plan some straighten up time! (The noise in the background is my wife cheering)

Just a couple of things, don't forget the Roger Awards, do it now and save the last minute rush.

As usual the first tickets to the St. George's Dinner and Dance have already been ordered. Give it a thought.

I have to close so I can get this out to John and be home in time for son Mark to pick me up to go to a special film presentation. I am slowly coming to realize I do not have time for work, that change in life style can't come fast enough. (I am not wishing my life away!!) as always, Keep On Rovering, - Don



Here I sit; proofing, proofing, - hello: what's this? *The Care and Feeding of Olders?* Ha! Ha! Ha! Ho! Ho! Ho! Hee! Hee! can't see the screen too many tears gotta take a break

Okay I'm back; cool and composed. That piece is going onto the Internet the first chance I get! What a treasure!

Speaking of composed, that's what I want to talk about in this issue - composition. Recently, ads for the magazine are coming in produced in higher quality than ever before. This is a good trend that I would like to see continue.

Whenever we get an ad that has been done in a manner that would make it look inferior to others, I like to get my hands on it to give it that extra boost while trying to maintain the original concept. I believe that

everyone is entitled to a great looking ad, no matter what resources you may have access to.

Then there are times, I need to work over a composition because it can't be used in the manner in which it was sent to us. Ads that exceed the margin limitation must be scaled down. I'm not saying this just to pick on a rule. The press that the magazine is run on uses something called 'grippers' to pull the paper through the machine. Rule of thumb is to allow a half inch of space top and bottom on the sheet to allow for the grippers on the press. The paper that we're using for the content of the magazine is pre-cut to the size you're holding in your hand. That's primarily how we arrived at the half inch margin rule. The only composition that we allow to go beyond this limitation is the cover. Since the cover is a different paper thickness, it is usually run in four-colour separations with registration and trim marks showing, (see example following).

Hand-drawn maps do not print well and layouts printed by dot-matrix printers are weak and don't process well in the plate-maker. Every ad is looked with two questions in mind: 1) will placement of an ad, as is, next to another ad or text make that ad appear visually unappealing, and 2) is this ad camera-ready?

Camera-ready means that the image is a good dense black on plain bright white paper, so that the camera portion of the plate-maker can 'see' the entire image. If the image is too grey, parts of it will simply drop out. If artwork is submitted on coloured or tinted paper, the image must be scanned, processed through the computer to drop out extraneous background colour and then laser printed to produce clean copy. If the submission is folded or sent in an unprotected envelope, the scanner will pick up every little fold mark and paper wrinkle and the computer will reproduce it as part of the image.

Then there's the issue of colour. Ads have been received printed in full colour. You're doing a beautiful job and the magazine will always look better with lots of colour. There's only one hitch. Every picture or piece of art in full colour requires four plates to be made. In the printing industry, this is known as 'process printing'. The image is broken up into fine dots and into the three primary colours, tint and tone. Printers talk in terms of four colour process. There's actually five colours involved; tint or white (paper), magenta (true red), yellow, cyan (true blue) and tone or black.

By printing the three primary colours and black on a reflective surface, in a pattern of small dots running at different angles to each other, the human eye is fooled into seeing every nuance of the rainbow.

The offset press is incapable of printing continuous tone (like a photograph). So, by breaking down the image into dots and basic colours; printing is simplified. The computer laser printer has reached the point where some models are capable of printing an image as fine as 1200 dots per inch. To the naked eye, this can appear as continuous tone. Computers now commonly in use, are capable of producing these images in camera-ready format. Now here's the punchline; computers have surpassed the capacity of the offset press. There is not a single press in commercial use today, that can print an image much beyond 150 dots per inch. This is why printers hate graphic designers, (like me).

Now for *Rovering Magazine*, our limitation is 85 dots per inch. The 150 count I mentioned above is always done with metal plates; they're stable and last for many thousands of impressions (copies). In order to keep the cost of printing down for this publication we're using what is known as paper plates. These come on a big roll and are loaded into the plate-making camera and are processed in much the same fashion as a snapshot at your local camera store. This plate was developed as a cheap alternative to the metal plate and was intended for short press runs.

Don is using this cheaper alternative to print four colour process, which is something the commercial printers refuse to do. Why? These plates have a bad habit of wandering on the press, making it impossible to control register for each colour pass. In order for process to work properly, each pass through the press must line up perfectly on top each other. To demonstrate what I'm talking about, study the example.

Just one more thing about process; colour density. This term reflects the amount of ink the press is actually leaving on the paper. If the ink density changes from pass to pass, then the resulting colour values change in the final copy. Don't be too surprised when the ad you send in printed in colour is not quite the same as the ad you see in the magazine. The colour density is only eye-balled.

In closing, I would like to say that I wrote this piece in response to the growing sophistication of our readers and advertisers. If you can create designs that translate well on the printing press, then our gigantic staff of three can better meet deadline.

Keep on Writing, Keep on Rovering,
John.

THE ROGER AWARDS

The "ROGER AWARD" is not in any way, shape, or form, a product of any Scout Headquarters at any level. It is an award that is made by you, the Rovers, Rangers and Advisors, by your nomination-votes sent into Roving Magazine. It gives Rovers and Rangers a chance to honour their own, and show appreciation for the efforts of an individual or a crew(s).

All Rovers, Rangers and Advisors are allowed to nominate-vote once in each category. All we ask is that you vote only for the moots which you personally attended, and not on hearsay. You may leave a category blank if you so desire.

It is important that you list No. 3 in order of preference, as points are scored, then added to determine the winner.

(e.g. - 3A scores 4 points, 3B scores 3 points, 3C scores 2 points and 3D scores 1 point.)

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

1. Name a person who you feel has given sincere dedication to Rovers.

2. Name a person who you feel has given sincere dedication to Rangers.

3. Name what you feel were the four best moots in the past year in order of preference.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

4. Name the best continuing feature to appear in Roving Magazine during the past year.

5. Name the best feature to appear in Roving Magazine during the past year.

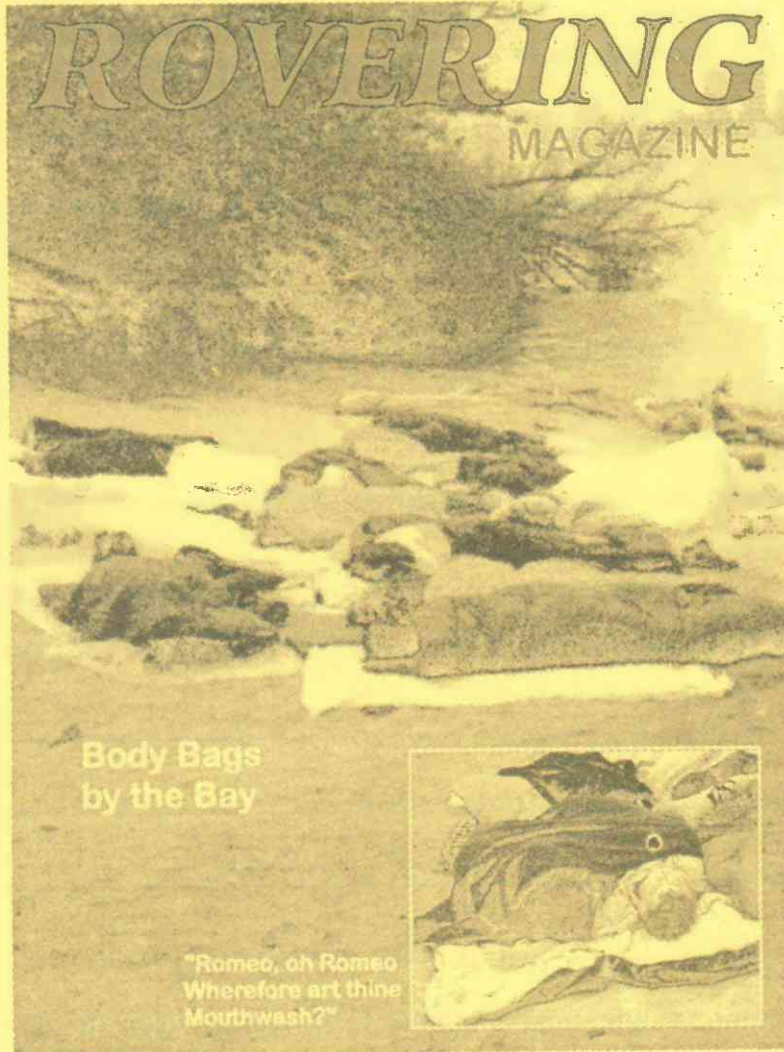
Send your nomination-vote to: "ROGER AWARDS"
c/o 45 Islington Avenue
Kitchener, Ontario
N2B 1P3

Awards will be presented at the St. George's Day Dinner & Dance in April

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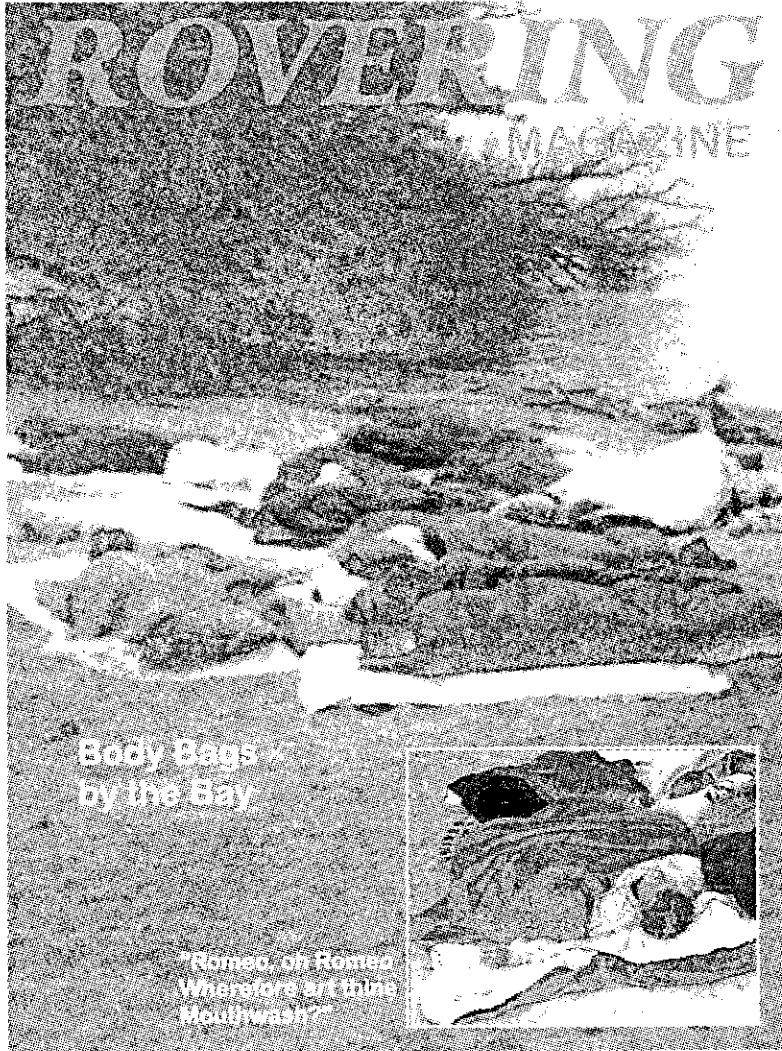
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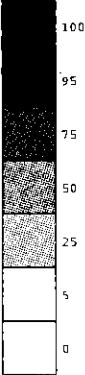
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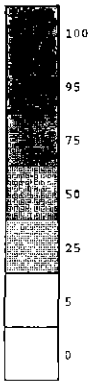
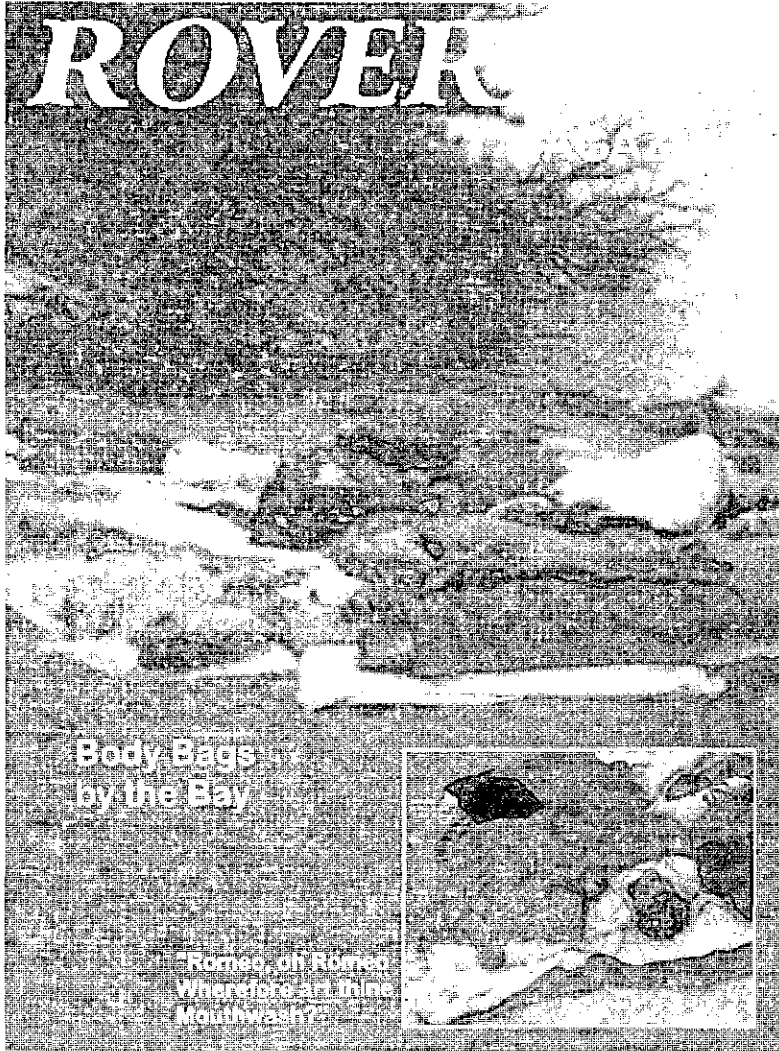
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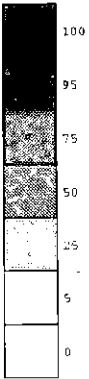
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APRIL 21 - 23 1995

DOONEY TUNES REGISTRATION FORM

Name of your Crew, Company, Post: _____

If you are a Venturer Company, could you give us your Rover sponsors name

Rover sponsor must be in attendance.

Number attending Weekend _____ Day _____ Dance _____

Registration fee per person:

- \$10.00 Before April 1, 1995
- \$12.00 At the gate, After April 1
- \$ 7.50 Day rate (crest included)
- \$ 3.00 Dance Only (crest not included)

Total of registration (# people X \$10.00, \$12.00, \$7.50, \$3.00) _____

Name and phone number of responsible adult attending camp: _____
(_____) _____

Dooney Tunes Meet will be held at **CAMP OF THE WOODLAND TRAILS,**
MILTON, ONT. on the weekend of **APRIL 21-23, 1995**

If information is requested about registration, please contact Brian or Mary at
(416) 827-3694.

Cheques payable to: 2nd OAKVILLE ROVERS.

Send to:

Brian Parkes
551 Stoneville Road
Oakville, Ont.
L6L 4N8



PLEASE ATTENDANCE CAMP

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